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Mathematics of Finance

Interest Compounded Annually:

If a principal P is invested at a fixed annual interest rate r , calculated at the end of each year, then the value of the investment after n years is:

$$A = P(1 + r)^n \quad (r \text{ is a decimal})$$

Ex. Suppose Jessie finds a \$51 bill on the ground at Utah State. She decides to put it in the bank until she graduates. Many obstacles prevent her from graduating for several years. Twenty-five years later at her graduation she finds a \$3 bill and remembers the \$51 she put in the bank. How much money does Jessie now have if the rate was 11.5%?

$$A = 51(1 + .115)^{25} = \$775.25 + \$3 \text{ that she found} = \$778.25!$$

Compounding k-times per year

$$A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{k}\right)^{kt} \quad k \text{ is the number of times per year interest is compounded}$$

EX. Jessie has become a little wiser now that she has finally graduated from college. She decides to put her \$778.25 in another account with an interest rate of 13.2% that compounds monthly. How much money will she have after she receives her master's degree 10 years later?

$$A = 778.25\left(1 + \frac{.132}{12}\right)^{(12)(10)} = \$2,892.40$$

Finding the time period of an investment

EX. Jackie has \$200 to invest at 7% annual interest compounded monthly. How long will it take for her investment to grow to \$1,342?

$$1342 = 200\left(1 + \frac{.07}{12}\right)^{12t}$$

We can solve graphically: Graph $y_1 = 1342$ and $y_2 = 200(1 + \frac{.07}{12})^{12t}$

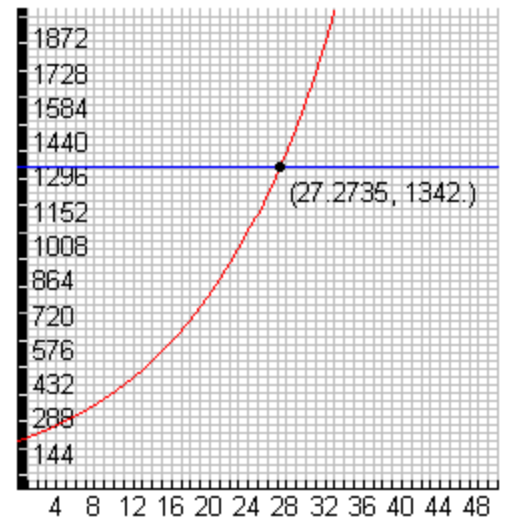
The intersection is at the point (27.27, 1342), therefore it will take 27 years 3 months to have \$1342 in the bank.

We can solve algebraically,

$$1342 = 200(1 + \frac{.07}{12})^{12t} \rightarrow \frac{1342}{200} = (1 + \frac{.07}{12})^{12t}$$

$$\rightarrow \ln \frac{1342}{200} = \ln(1 + \frac{.07}{12})^{12t} \rightarrow \ln \frac{1342}{200} = 12t \ln(1 + \frac{.07}{12}) =$$

$$\frac{\ln \frac{1342}{200}}{12 \ln(1 + \frac{.07}{12})} = t$$



Interest Compounded Continuously

$$A = Pe^{rt} \quad r\text{- interest rate} \quad t\text{- time}$$

Ex. Jessie and Jackie's brother Cole is a bit wiser with money. He has earned \$1500 over the summer mowing lawns. He finds a bank that compounds interest continuously at a rate of 11.5%. He decides to put his money in the bank until he graduates from high school so, he will have some money for college. After 3 years he graduates and is ready to start college. How much money does he have in the bank?

$$A = 1500e^{(.115)(3)} = \$2,117.98$$

Cole receives a track scholarship (at the U of U) and decides to keep the money in the bank until he graduates from college. After four years he graduates, how much money does he have in the bank now?

$$A = 1500e^{(.115)(7)} = \$3,355.04$$

Future Value of an Annuity

The future value FV of an annuity consisting of n equal periodic payments of R dollars at an interest rate i per compounding period (payment intervals) is:

$$FV = R \frac{(1+i)^n - 1}{i}$$

Ex. At the end of each quarter year Clay makes a payment of \$100 into his college fund. It earns 8.11% annual interest compounded quarterly. What will be the value of his investment in 5 years when he is ready to start college?

$$FV = 100 \frac{(1 + \frac{.0811}{4})^{(5)(4)} - 1}{\frac{.0811}{4}} = \$2,436.40$$

Present Value of an Annuity

The present value of an annuity consisting of n equal payments of R dollars earning an interest rate i per period is:

$$PV = R \frac{1 - (1+i)^{-n}}{i}$$

EX. After their kids finally graduate from college the Lambournes can finally buy a new vehicle. They purchase an SUV for \$33,333. What are the monthly payments for a 5 year loan with a \$3,000 down payment and an APR of 3.3%?

$$30,333 = R \frac{1 - (1 + \frac{.033}{12})^{(-5)(12)}}{\frac{.033}{12}}$$

$$R = \$549.10$$